FEDERAL STRATEGY UPDATE

Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control: Held a hearing on the Federal Strategy Update. Testimony was heard from William J. Bennett, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and Melvyn Levitsky, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics Matters, Department of State.

Thursday, February 8, 1990

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and five resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 2105–2128, S. Res. 243 and 244, S.J. Res. 255 and 256, and S. Con. Res. 92.

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Measures Passed:

Hate Crime Statistics Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of, and by 92 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 13), Senate passed H.R. 1048, to provide for the acquisition and publication of data about crimes that manifest prejudice based on race, religion, homosexuality or heterosexuality, or ethnicity, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 419, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 11), Hatch Amendment No. 1250, to prohibit the use of funds to promote or encourage homosexuality.

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Rejected:

By 19 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 12), Helms Amendment No. 1251, to provide that it is the sense of the Senate that homosexuality should not be promoted in any manner by the Federal or State government.

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Subsequently, S. 419 was indefinitely postponed.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 1229, for the relief of Maria Luisa Anderson.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 1467, for the relief of Geetha Kannan.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 1493, for the relief of Roswitha Starins.

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Commending President Bush on Drug Summit: Senate agreed to S. Res. 244, commending President Bush for promoting and participating in the drug summit in Colombia on February 15, 1990, and urging the President to take steps at the drug summit to promote the enactment and enforcement of chemical diversion laws.

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Authorizing a Soviet Youth Concert on the Capitol Grounds: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 198, authorizing the National Park Service to sponsor a concert by the American Soviet Youth Orchestra on the Capitol grounds, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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ILO Convention—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the ILO Convention (No. 160) Concerning Labor Statistics (Treaty Doc. No. 101–2) on Tuesday, February 20, with a vote to occur thereon at 3:15 p.m.

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School Dropout Demonstration Programs Authorization—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 2281, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to extend the authorization for certain school dropout demonstration programs on Tuesday, February 20.

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National and Community Service—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1430, to enhance national and community service, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Appointments:

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 98–183, as amended by Public Law 101–180, appointed Russell Redenbaugh, of Pennsylvania, to the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

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Measure Indefinitely Postponed: Senate indefinitely postponed further consideration of the following measure:

S. 2092, to provide for the restoration of certain trade benefits for Panama.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Susan M. Coughlin, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the term expiring December 31, 1993.

Edward J. Philbin, of California, to be a Member of the Interstate Commerce Commission for a term expiring December 31, 1993. John W. Lyons, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

William D. Hathaway, of Maine, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 1993.

Ervin S. Duggan, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 1989.

James L. Kolstad, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—13)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and, in accordance with H. Con. Res. 256, recessed at 6:36 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 20, 1990. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Senator Mitchell in today's Record on page 1872.)

Committee Meetings

1990 FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Agricultural Research and General Legislation held hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve U.S. agricultural programs, focusing on grain quality enhancement, receiving testimony from Jo Ann D. Smith, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Inspection Services; Philip L. Christenson, Assistant Administrator, Food for Peace and Voluntary Assistance, Agency for International Development; Ivan A. Chestopalov, State Inspection for Plant Quarantine Administration, and Michael Ageev, Exportkhleb, both of Moscow, USSR; Paul Vervaeke, European Oilseed Processors' Association, Izegem, Belgium; Gary Riedel, American Soybean Association, Centralia, Missouri; Steve McCoy, North American Export Grain Association, and Winston Wilson, U.S. Wheat Associates, both of Washington, DC.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, February 22.

1990 FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Agricultural Credit held hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve U.S. agricultural progams, focusing on credit provisions relating to
the Farmers Home Administration, receiving testimony
from Neal Sox Johnson, Acting Administrator, Farmers
Home Administration, Department of Agriculture; John
Harmon, Director, Resources, Community, and Economic
Development Division, U.S. General Accounting Office;
Cheryl Cook, National Farmers Union and Ralph Paige,
Federation of Southern Cooperatives, both of Washington,
DC; Pam Baldwin, National Save the Family Farm Coalition, Oak City, North Carolina; Eugene Severens, Center
for Rural Affairs, Walthill, Nebraska; and Gerry Emm,
Washoe Tribe, Carson City, Nevada.

Hearings will continue on Tuesday, February 20.

APPROPRIATIONS—CENTRAL AMERICA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1991 for foreign assistance to El Salvador and Panama, receiving testimony from Bernard W. Aronson, Assistant Secretary of State for InterAmerican Affairs.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1991 for the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and to review the Administration's global warming policy, receiving testimony from D. Allan Bromley, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Friday, March 2.

DEFENSE STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on military strategy and operational requirements of certain U.S. commands, receiving testimony on the commands oriented to Pacific defense from Adm. Huntington Hardisty, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; and Gen. Louis C. Menetrey, USA, Commander, U.S. Forces, Korea; and receiving testimony on the unified commands oriented to Third World defense and unconventional warfare from Gen. James J. Lindsay, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command; Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command; and Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, February 21.

SECURITIES LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Sub-committee on Securities resumed hearings on S. 647, to amend the federal securities laws to revise the enforcement remedies for civil violations of those laws, receiving testimony from Richard G. Ketchum, Director, Division of Market Regulation, and Joseph I. Goldstein, Associate Director, Division of Enforcement and Director, Penny Stock Task Force, both of the Securities and Exchange Commission; Susan E. Bryant, North American Securities Amdinistrators Association, Frank J. Wilson, National Association of Securities Dealers, both of Washington, DC; Brian N. Smiley, Paige and Bacek, Atlanta, Georgia; Hartley T. Bernstein, Brandeis, Bernstein, New York, New York; and Debra and Bobby Thomason, both of Elberton, Georgia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Barry L. Harris, of Maine, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, James L. Kolstad, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, Susan M. Coughlin, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, John W. Lyons, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, William D. Hathaway, of Maine, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Ervin S. Duggan, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Edward J. Philbin, of California, to be a Member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and routine lists of Coast Guard nominations.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation to reduce Social Security taxes, receiving testimony from Senator Kasten; Representatives Penny and Porter; Richard Darman, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Robert D. Reischauer, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Alice M. Rivlin and Charles L. Schultze, both of the Brookings Institution, Carolyn L. Weaver, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, and Gary C. Hufbauer, Georgetown University, all of Washington, DC.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

JAVITS REPORT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the annual estimate and justification for proposed arms sales for calendar year 1990 as contained in the "Javits Report" on prospective arms sales from William Rope, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Politico-Military Affairs.

Committee recessed subject to call.

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings on S. 2006, to redesignate the Environmental Protection Agency as the Department of the Environment, and to provide a global environmental policy of the United States, receiving testimony from J. Dexter Peach, Assistant Comptroller General, and Richard Hembra, Director, Environmental Issues, both of the General Accounting Office; Gus Speth, World Resources Institute, Paul Portney, Resources for the Future, Ron Van Mynen, Union Carbide Chemicals and Plastics Company, Inc., and Daniel K. Shipp, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, all of Washington, DC; and Bruce Karrh, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

RADIATION EXPOSURE

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the health effects of radiation exposure caused by open air atomic testing and uranium mining, after receiving testimony from Representative Wayne Owens; Clark Heath, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the American Cancer Society; Joseph L. Lyon and Victor E. Archer, both of the University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ronald M. Holdaway, of Wyoming, and Hart T. Mankin, of Delaware, both to be Associate Judges of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Mankin was introduced by Senators Biden and Roth

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, February 20, 1990, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Wheat, Soybeans and Feed Grains held a hearing to review the Department of Agriculture's recommendations for the wheat, soybeans and feed grains provisions of the 1990 Farm bill. Testimony was heard from John Campbell, Deputy Under Secretary, International Affairs and Commodity Programs, USDA.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on the Secretary of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Dick Cheney, Secretary; and Gen. Colin L. Powell, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Corps of Engineers: Ohio River Division; Missouri River Division; and on the Southwestern Division. Testimony was heard from the following Division Engineers of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army: Brig. Gen. Paul Y. Chinen, Ohio River; Col. Eugene S. Witherspoon, Missouri River; and Brig. Gen. Robert C. Lee, Southwestern.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education held a hearing on the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on Joint Economic Committee and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from Representative Hamilton; and public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Secretary of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Samuel K. Skinner, Secretary of Transportation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 1991 national defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Donald B. Rice, Secretary; and Gen. Larry D. Welch, USAF, Chief of Staff.

BUDGET PROPOSALS

Committee on the Budget: Continued hearings on the Administration's fiscal year 1991 budget proposals, with emphasis on Foreign Assistance to Eastern Europe. Testimony was heard from Robert S. McNamara, former Secretary of Defense and former President, World Bank; Ambassador Rozanne Ridgway, former Assistant Secretary, European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue February 21.

HEALTH FACILITIES PROTECTION AND PRIMATE CENTER REHABILITATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Environment held a hearing on H.R.

3349, Health Facilities Protection and Primate Center Rehabilitation Act. Testimony was heard from James O. Mason, Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

EMERGING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held a hearing on H.R. 2965, Emerging Telecommunications Technologies Act of 1989. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENFORCING SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CHILD CAR SEATS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Transportation and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on whether the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has failed to enforce its own safety standards for child car seats. Testimony was heard from Jerry Ralph Curry, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS CHINA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Towards China. Testimony was heard from Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Deputy Secretary of State.

COMMODITY JURISDICTION: MUNITIONS VS. DUAL USE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Security and Science and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on Commodity Jurisdiction: Munitions vs. Dual Use. Testimony was heard from Charles Dulpher, Director, Center for Defense Trade, Department of State; William Rudman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense; Jim Le Munyon, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Office Systems met to consider pending business.

OVERSIGHT—NRC BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment held an oversight hearing on the fiscal year 1991 budget request for the NRC. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NRC: Kenneth M. Carr, Chairman; Thomas M. Roberts, Kenneth C. Rogers, James R. Curtiss and Forrest J. Remick, all Commissioners; and David C. Williams, Inspector General.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on fiscal year 1991 budget request for the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: William H. Young, Assist-

ant Secretary, Nuclear Energy; and Leo P. Duffy, Director, Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Mining and Natural Resources held an oversight hearing on fiscal year 1991 budget requests for the Bureau of Land Management's energy and minerals programs and the Office of Surface Mining. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Cy Jamison, Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Harry M. Snyder, Director, Office of Surface Mining.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on proposed fiscal year 1991 budget for the National Parks Service and historic preservation agencies. Testimony was heard from James Ridenour, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Robert Bush, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Richard Houser, Chairman, Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation; Jack Walter, President, National Trust for Historic Preservation; and public witnesses.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ANTITRUST PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Economic and Commercial Law held a hearing on H.R. 469, Intellectual Property Antitrust Protection Act of 1989. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bryant and Eckart; and public witnesses.

FUTURE AIRPORT CAPACITY NEEDS

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on future airport capacity needs and proposals to meet those needs. Testimony was heard from Russell Vachon, Director, Aviation, Department of Transportation, State of New York; and public witnesses.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MEMORIAL FIRE SERVICE BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee Science, Research and Technology approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3587, Benjamin Franklin Memorial Fire Service Bill of Rights Act.

NASA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space, Science and Applications held a hearing on fiscal year 1991 NASA authorization, with emphasis on Office of Space Flight. Testimony was heard from William Lenoir, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Space Flight, NASA.

VETERANS' BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Concluded hearings on the President's fiscal year 1991 budget for veterans' benefits and services. Testimony was heard from representatives of Medical Centers, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

TAX REFORM ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on the impact, effectiveness and fairness of the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Testimony was heard from Senator Bradley; Representatives Gephardt, Wyden, Callahan, Thomas of Georgia and Morrison of Washington; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 5.

DRAFT REPORT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the following draft report: "Report on Abuses and Mismanagement in the U.S. Customs Service Commercial Operations."

PANAMA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Panama. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT TO WEAPONS ACQUISITION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight and Evaluation met in executive session to hold a hearing on intelligence support to weapons acquisition. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

CRISIS OF THIRD WORLD REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

Select Committee on Hunger: Held a hearing on the Crisis of Third World Refugees and Displaced Persons. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Jewel LaFontant, Director; and Ambassador Princeton Lyman, both with the Bureau of Refugee Programs; and David Rawson, Director, Office of West African Affairs; Andrew Natsios, Director, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

Joint Meeting

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee resumed hearings to review the economic outlook for 1990, receiving testimony from Michael Boskin, Chairman, and John Taylor and Richard Schmalensee, both Members, all of the Council of Economic Advisers.